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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/749366 filed December 31, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DISPOSABLE GARMENT HAVING AN ELASTIC INNER LAYER WITH A NARROW WIDTH IN THE CROTCH REGION."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/749368 filed December 31, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DUAL-LAYERED DISPOSABLE GARMENT HAVING AN OPTIMIZED FASTENING SYSTEM."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/750402 filed December 31, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DUAL-LAYERED DISPOSABLE GARMENT."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/749761 filed December 31, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DUAL-LAYERED DISPOSABLE GARMENT HAVING TAILORED STRETCH CHARACTERISTICS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/646978 filed August 22, 2003, by McCormack et al. for "MICROPOROUS BREATHABLE ELASTIC FILMS, METHODS OF MAKING SAME, AND LIMITED USE OR DISPOSABLE PRODUCT APPLICATIONS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/624333 filed July 22, 2003, by Van Gompel et al. for "DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT HAVING A SLIT AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/703761 filed November 7, 2003, by McCormack et al. for "MICROPOROUS BREATHABLE ELASTIC FILMS, METHODS OF MAKING SAME, AND LIMITED USE OR DISPOSABLE PRODUCT APPLICATIONS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/743245 filed December 22, 2003, by Maldonado et al. for "EXTENSIBLE AND STRETCH LAMINATES AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME."

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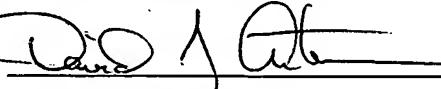
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